(b) whether it is also a fact that it was the duty of the particular Four Lane Highway construction company of that area to maintain the road under good condition;

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken so far on such negligence; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Howly Bhawanipur section on NH-31 is being maintained in traffic worthy condition by contractors engaged for 4-laning work under East West Corridor project in Assam. However, a stretch of about 600m length is flood affected, which is in deplorable condition. The construction of cross drainage structure in flood affected portion is in progress.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise as the contractor is maintaining the road in traffic worthy condition as per inbuilt provision in the contract.

Constructing bypass in cities in Orissa

†2282. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has sent a proposal to the Central Government for constructing bypass in several cities in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government proposes to initiate any action in this regard by informing the State Government keeping in view the demands for the people; and

(d) the progress made so far in construction work of these bypasses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The following eleven Bypasses are proposed on the National Highway network in the State of Orissa which are at project preparation/land acquisition stage:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Bypass
1	2
1.	ROB cum Bypass near Belpahar on NH-200
2.	ROB cum Bypass near Bolangir on NH-201/224
3.	ROB cum Bypass near Titilagarh on NH-217
4.	ROB cum Bypass near Berhampur on NH-217
5.	ROB cum Bypass near Koraput on NH-43

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1	2
6.	ROB cum Bypass near Boriguma on NH-43
7.	ROB cum Bypass near Jeypore on NH-43
8.	ROB cum Bypass near Nawarangpur on NH-201
9.	ROB cum Bypass near Deogarh on NH-6
10.	ROB cum Bypass near Hinjilikatu on NH-217
11.	ROB cum Bypass near Keonjhar on NH-6

Closure of work at Ranchi- Vijayawada NH

†2283. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the closure of work at Ranchi-Vijayawada National Highway is being considered;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the status of work and time by when it will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ranchi-Vijayawada route comprises of some sections of National Highways and State Roads. On going improvement works on National Highways and State Roads on this route are targeted for completion by 2011-12. The details of on-going works on this route is as under:—

Sl. No.	State	National Highway/ State Roads	No. of works	Length in km
1.	Jharkhand	National Highway	2	24
		State Roads	2	54
2.	Orissa	National Highway	8	54
		State Roads	20	249
3.	Andhra Pradesh	National Highways	4	52
		Total	36	433

Delay in awarding contracts for 12000 kms highways

2284. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a delay in awarding contracts for 12,000 kms highways beyond the deadline set earlier for March, 2010;

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